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TECHNOLOGY AWARDS RECOGNIZE KDE'S WORK

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At the ninth annual Digital Summit hosted by [Government Technology](#) magazine and the Commonwealth Office of Technology, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) won two “Best of Kentucky” awards for its work in technology and was recognized as a contributor to other award winners.

Each year, *Government Technology* hosts a summit in each state to bring technology leaders from municipalities and local and state government agencies to foster discussion and dialogue on the use of information technology as a strategic tool for managers, executives and policymakers. Kentucky's summit was held on May 5 in Frankfort.

During the summit, four “Best of Kentucky” awards were announced. The awards recognized the work of groups and individuals in the area of information technology. All entrants for the “Best of Kentucky” awards were peer-nominated.

- **Best Application Serving the Public** -- given to individuals and teams that have designed, developed and deployed applications or improved existing systems that directly deliver services more efficiently and effectively to the public. For this award, the public may be defined as citizens, contractors or vendors.

The Kentucky Virtual Library's Kyleidoscope initiative, which seeks to create convenient avenues for Kentucky educators to access primary resources regarding the history of Kentucky, won this award. During the ceremony, KDE was recognized for its contributions to this project.

- **Best IT Collaboration Among Organizations** -- given to individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated special efforts to facilitate inter-organizational technology projects, governance initiatives, datashare initiatives and/or integration initiatives that lead to or facilitate greater cooperation between organizations, government agencies or business units. An outstanding application and/or collaborative effort between agencies or jurisdictions are the basic qualifiers for this award.

KDE's Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship, which is designed to recognize students in schools across the state for their technology products, leadership and application, and the Commonwealth eScrap Initiative – Greening of Technology (for which KDE is a contributor), won this award.

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- **Best Online Services** -- given to individuals and/or organizations that demonstrate the spirit of digital government by providing the most efficient, effective and creative online services to their customers/constituents. Agencies, local governments and other government entities of any size are welcome in this category, including the education sector.

The Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State received this award for its online services, which provide documents, forms and other resources quickly and efficiently through the office's Web site.

- **Most Innovative Use of Technology** – given to individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated a creative, unique and resourceful use of technology in government. This category is open to any government agency at the state and local levels, no matter how large or small.

The Kentucky School for the Deaf, located in Danville, won the Most Innovative Use of Technology Award for its hosting of the MegaDEAF Conference 2009, an event that brought together deaf students from across the nation in a facilitated, interactive conference.

Government Technology magazine, based in Folsom, California, provides information technology (IT) case studies, applications, news and best practices for state, city and county government.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT), located in Frankfort, is an office in the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The agency carries out the functions necessary for the efficient, effective and economical administration of information technology and resources within the executive branch.

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